

Warbler

Summer Camp
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Black-throated
Gray Warbler

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American Kestrel © Jim Cruce



Red-tailed Hawk © Scott Carpenter



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Northern Harrier
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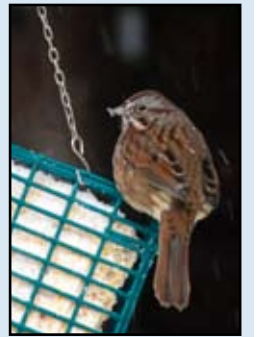
**Got 15 minutes to count birds?
Great Backyard
Bird Count**
February 13-16

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a 4-day count held each February with the goal of getting a snapshot of bird numbers and distribution across the globe. As a participant, you commit to **count birds anywhere for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the 4 count days**. Tally the number of individuals of each species you see, and enter your totals at birdsource.org/gbbc.



White-breasted Nuthatch
© Steve Berliner

The GBBC helps scientists determine trends and identify long-term declines that may call for conservation attention and require further study. Citizen Scientists can make crucial observations and contribute to a dataset the magnitude of which no team of scientists could achieve alone!



Song Sparrow.
Photo: stevevoght

Last year more than 144,000 checklists were submitted from over 100 countries, with nearly 4,300 species observed. So join tens of thousands of other bird lovers across the Portland area and around the globe by participating in this year's count. Go to birdsource.org/gbbc for more information.

**Come Celebrate Birds of Prey at the
10th Annual Raptor Road Trip**

**Saturday, February 7
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Explore Sauvie Island in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter on the island. **On this special day devoted to raptors**, experienced naturalists and hawk experts will host activities and answer your questions at four locations around the island. Enjoy guided bird viewing, meet live raptors up close, and sharpen your hawk identification skills. Hot drinks and donuts are available in the morning to keep you warm while you breakfast with the birds.

How does the road trip work?

Begin at **Kruger's Farm Market** where you'll pick up an event map and illustrated raptor identification guide. The event fee is **\$10 per vehicle, cash only**, and includes a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit. To reach Kruger's, turn right off Hwy 30 northbound, cross the Sauvie Island Bridge, and continue straight 1.5 miles (past Howell Territorial Park) to the farm entrance on your right. Carpooling is encouraged.

Spotting scopes and a crash course in raptor identification will be provided at three island viewing locations, along with naturalists to help spot the birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them, and dress for the weather. **The road trip is suitable for birders of all skill levels**

and families are welcome. Three of the sites — Howell Territorial Park, Coon Point, and the Wildlife Viewing Platform — are wheelchair accessible. While you don't have to be an 'early bird' and get up at the crack of dawn to see these birds of prey, you should allow approximately three hours to visit all four locations.

What will you see?

It all depends on what nature has in store. Frequently sighted raptor species at the three viewing stations include **Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, and Northern Harrier**. With a little luck you might spot a **Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Rough-legged Hawk, or Cooper's Hawk**. Spectacular **Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, and Great Blue Herons** are also commonly seen at this time of year. At Howell Territorial Park you are guaranteed sightings of **Portland Audubon's Education Birds** as well as fun activities for all.

No registration is required. For more information, visit audubonportland.org/local-birding/raptor-trip.

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From the Interim Executive Director Field Notes



Liz Field, Interim E.D.
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I joined the Audubon Society of Portland in July as Interim Executive Director. My role is to lead operations during the transition to the next Executive Director, following the departure of long-serving Executive Director Meryl Redisch.

populations, and this aspiration resonates deeply with me. My first job, at age 17, was as a counselor at a wilderness summer camp for inner-city kids. I've seen how life-changing such an experience can be.

In addition to being a place for laughter and exploration, Portland Audubon is a hub for serious conservation policy debate and advocacy initiatives. My colleagues, working with partners, carry on this organization's legacy of protecting native birds and wild places — often against great odds. I am full of gratitude for their efforts and hard-won accomplishments, which benefit us now and for generations to come.

Each time I walk through Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, I am reminded of the fragility and resilience of birds. Community members come to our center daily with injured birds and animals in need of care. One of many such animals was a Bald Eagle found in Camas, which was suffering from severe gunshot wounds. Wildlife Care Center staff and volunteers worked tirelessly over several months to nurture and rehabilitate this bird. On a sunny Sunday in August, a group of us gathered at Sandy River Delta Park to watch with awe as this majestic bird was released and soared away into the wild.

One of the joys of working at Portland Audubon is that I can walk to work on trails through Forest Park. I don't have to cross any streets, but instead cross a creek on a footbridge on my way to the office. How many people get to see a Pileated Woodpecker on their morning commute?

At the Audubon Society of Portland, I continue to marvel at the beauty of our setting — and at the talent, energy, and commitment of our staff and volunteers. I'm proud to be part of the team, supporting this remarkable organization during its transition to new leadership.

While I've been an Interim Director at a number of organizations, I was especially excited to take on this assignment. I wanted to get to know Portland Audubon from the inside and give back in some way to an organization that has been such a special place for my family and me. It's a place we've come often over the years to wander the trails, check in on the Education Birds, and look for crawdads and salamanders in the creek. It's where my son first went to camp and, more recently, where he helped feed baby birds in the Wildlife Care Center.

After several months on the job at Portland Audubon, the days are beginning to fall into a rhythm, although there is still some element of surprise almost daily. This was true from my first meeting at the organization. This gathering of about 20 people ground to a halt midway through as all eyes turned to the window to watch birds at a feeder. This was a professional first for me. While the meeting wasn't about birds, they are always a priority here — and this enthusiasm for birds is contagious.

Our setting at Portland Audubon is tranquil yet vibrant. When I joined the organization, summer camps were in full swing. The Nature Sanctuary was filled with children's laughter and the excitement of discovery. For some of the kids, such as those in our Explorador community camp, the experience was their first in nature. Portland Audubon is striving to increase opportunities in nature for underserved

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

January

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| 1 | Thur | — | Happy New Year! Admin & Nature Store closed |
| 2 | Fri | Various | Winter Break Classes for Kids (see website) |
| 3 | Sat | Various | Portland Christmas Bird Count (see website) |
| 4 | Sun | 12:30pm | Bluegrass Jam, Heron Hall |
| 6 | Tue | 7pm | Birders' Night, Heron Hall |
| 7 | Wed | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 8 | Thur | Begins 8am | Registration for Spring and Summer Camps (p.7 and insert) |
| 9 | Fri | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 10 | Sat | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 10 | Sat | 10am–3pm | Audubon Kids Day (p.2) |
| 13 | Tue | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 13 | Tue | — | Nature Night canceled — see February 10th (p.3) |
| 14 | Wed | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 14 | Wed | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 15 | Thur | 7pm | Board Meeting |
| 17 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 17 | Sat | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 19 | Mon | — | MLK Jr Birthday: Nature Store Open , Admin closed |
| 20 | Tue | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 21 | Wed | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 21 | Wed | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 24 | Sat | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 24 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 29 | Thur | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 31 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |

February

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| 1 | Sun | 12:30pm | Bluegrass Jam, Heron Hall |
| 1 | Sun | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 3 | Tue | 7pm | Birders' Night, Heron Hall |
| 4 | Wed | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 7 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 7 | Sat | 9am–2pm | Raptor Road Trip (p.1) |
| 8 | Sun | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 10 | Tue | 7pm | Nature Night: Rescuing Streaked Horned Larks in the PNW (p.3) |
| 11 | Wed | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 14 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 15 | Sun | 9am | Wildlife Care Center Online Auction begins (p.5) |
| 15 | Sun | 11am–5pm | Wildlife Care Center Open House (p.5) |
| 18 | Wed | 6pm–8:30pm | New Volunteer Orientation (p.8) |
| 19 | Thur | 7pm | Board Meeting |
| 20 | Fri | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 21 | Sat | Various | Adult Class or Field Trip (p.7) |
| 21 | Sat | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 25 | Wed | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |
| 28 | Sat | 9am–4:30pm | General Volunteer Training (p.8) |
| 28 | Sat | Various | Audubon Outing (p.3) |

Birders' Night

Please join us on the first Tuesday of the month at **7pm** in Heron Hall for Birders' Night, a gathering of local birders sharing recent sightings, a slideshow, and discussion.

Audubon Kids Day Saturday, January 10 10am–3pm | Free Event

Come join Audubon staff as we host a day just for kids. We'll have activities and projects based on many of our most popular Summer Camp programs, including Animal Tracking, Archery, and many other nature-based Art Activities. Come join the fun!



Pre-registration is required for the Archery demonstration and is highly recommended. Registration opens Tues, Dec 16 at 9am on our website, or call 971-222-6120.

Get a jump on Summer Camp registration: Audubon Kids Day participants can register for our Summer Camp programs.

FREE EVENT!

Welcome Back Vulture Day

is coming to Leach Botanical Garden!

Saturday,
March 21, 2015
Noon – 3 p.m.



Leach Botanical Garden
6704 SE 122nd
Portland, OR 97236
Parking is limited. Please carpool if possible.

Did you notice you see Turkey Vultures in the metropolitan area only in the spring and summer? That's because they migrate to warmer climates in the winter, but it's time to welcome them back. We're lucky to still have good populations of Turkey Vultures in Oregon. Around the world vultures are facing hazards in the wild and their numbers are dwindling. As "Nature's Recyclers," they play an important role in reducing disease — and it's up to us to help save them.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture
photo: Tom Schmid

Welcome Back Vulture Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close (along with many of Audubon's other Education Birds)
- Compare your "wingspan" to that of a California Condor
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Play "Upchuck Chuck!"
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!


Be a Bluebird Monitor

Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project seeks volunteers for monitoring the Western Bluebird nesting season April through August. The workshop is on **Saturday, March 7** from 9:30am–12:30pm at Champoeg State Heritage Area. Register by email (please include your mailing address and telephone number) at email@prescottbluebird.com.




Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

 = Mostly weekday excursions

 = Sign-up needed

 = Fee involved

January 9 (Fri), 8am–10am Smith and Bybee Lakes

Join leader **Jade Ajani** on a mellow walk around the wetlands and riparian woods of Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area in North Portland, one of the largest protected urban wetland reserves in the US. As we walk through the forest to reach the wetlands and lakes we will look for a variety of resident and wintering songbirds and woodpeckers. Along the lake shore we'll look for herons, egrets, and American Coot as well as the thousands of waterfowl that habitually winter here. The area often turns up a few raptors such as Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, and Cooper's, Red-tailed, and Red-shouldered Hawks. Meet at the parking lot at NE entrance off Marine Dr. Questions: jadeajani@gmail.com.



Great Blue Heron © Jim Cruce

January 10 (Sat), 6:30am–4pm A Day on the Lincoln County Coast

Join leader **Tim Shelmerdine** for a day exploring coastal Lincoln County. We will look for alcids, loons, and other seabirds at Boiler Bay, check for turnstones and "rockpipers" on the rocks at Depoe Bay, then spend most of the day around Newport and Yaquina Bay. This trip will go rain or shine, so bring rain gear and warm clothes, binoculars (and scope if you have one), and a sack lunch. Please plan on carpooling. Meet 6:30am at Lamb's Thriftway parking lot in Wilsonville: take I-5 south to Exit 283 (2nd Wilsonville exit), turn left at stoplight onto Wilsonville Rd, proceed past two stoplights, and turn left just after Taco Bell into the shopping center. Questions: Tim at 971-221-2534.

January 13 (lucky Tue), 8am–12pm Trojan/Prescott (PGE Wildlife Area) near Rainier

Leader **Don Cogswell** will focus on waterfowl and swan identification. Meet at WalMart parking lot in St Helens and we'll carpool from there. Lunch (and bird list) at Cornerstone Café in old downtown Rainier. We'll be walking along the roadway (Graham Rd to Prescott) so must limit size of group to 8–10. **Registration required** with Don or Sharon at dcogswell@hotmail.com or 503-397-5204 (or for more details).



Northern Pintail © Dick Daniels

January 14 (Wed), 9am–11am Crystal Springs

Join **Kathy van der Horst** and **Sue Carr** to view wintering waterfowl at this lovely garden. Wood Ducks are a specialty. We'll also watch for passerines, Green and Great Blue Herons, raptors, and several species of geese. Optional walk at the newly landscaped Westmoreland Park, or at Reed Canyon. Meet at Crystal Springs parking lot across from Reed College on SE 28th. From SE Holgate, turn south on 28th, or from SE Woodstock, turn north. Questions: Kathy at kathyfrans@opusnet.com or 503-233-7143.

January 17 (Sat), 8am–11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Join **Ron Escano** to view the local wintering waterfowl at Crystal Springs. Here is a chance to learn your waterfowl. With close views of most of our Portland-area ducks we will identify waterfowl using black and white field marks. Meet at Crystal Springs parking lot across the street from Reed College on SE 28th. The parking lot can be reached from SE Holgate (turn south on 28th) or SE Woodstock (turn north on 28th). **This walk is LIMITED to 15 participants.** **Registration required** with Ron at 503-771-3454.



Wood Duck © Jim Cruce

January 20 (Tue), 9am–3pm Newport

Join **Dick Demarest** in exploring the Newport area for wintering loons, grebes, and ducks. Meet 9am at Hatfield Marine Science Center, and bring lunch. Questions: Dick at 503-407-7912 or rdd@demarests.com.

January 21 (Wed), 9am–11:30am Summer Lake Park, Tigard

Join **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** for a look at wintering waterfowl in this wonderful suburban park. Take SW Scholls Ferry Rd to SW 130th Ave, then go south on 130th to parking area on left. Questions: Sue at 503-313-8086.

January 24 (Sat), 9am–12pm Oaks Bottom

Join **Patty Newland** for a bird walk around Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in SE Portland. We'll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Meet 9am sharp at Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th at Malden St. Expect to walk 2–3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. No sign-up needed; call 503-231-0933 with questions.

February 20 (Fri), 9am–12pm Oaks Bottom

Join **Patty Newland** for a bird walk around Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in SE Portland. We'll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Meet 9am sharp at Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th at Malden St. Expect to walk 2–3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. No sign-up needed; call 503-231-0933 with questions.

February 21 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. We will scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms. From I-5 north, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. **This walk is LIMITED to 15 participants.** **Registration required** with Ron at 503-771-3454.

February 25 (Wed), 9am–11am Commonwealth Lake Park

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Richard & Caroline Arnold** for a walk around this Beaverton park to see some great wintering birds and good numbers of our resident wintering passerines. Meet at corner of SW Foothill Dr and SW Dellwood Ave at park entrance. TriMet 59 bus goes to SW Park Way & Dellwood, one block south of Foothill. Questions: Caroline at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2606 cell.

February 28 (Sat), 9am–12pm Vanport Wetlands and Force Lake

Join **John Nikkel** and **Dena Turner** for a morning walk. We will begin at Vanport Wetlands, take a short walk in the adjacent wooded area, and also visit Force Lake. The 90-acre Vanport Wetlands provides habitat for a large number of wintering species. We should see water birds and possibly Great Horned Owls that sometimes nest in the area. From Portland via I-5 or Interstate Ave (which becomes Denver), take the Expo Center exit. Follow signs to Portland International Raceway, turn in at N. Broadacre, and park to the right facing north. Questions: Dena at 503-236-6937.



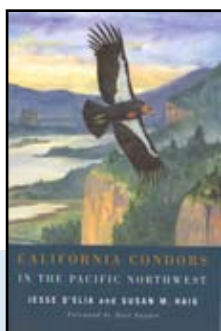
Great Horned Owl © Jim Cruce

NATURE NIGHTS

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May. If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Pam Meyers at pmeyers@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext. 130.

FREE and open to the public!

Due to an unavoidable schedule change, there will be no Nature Night in January. Be sure to catch Jesse D'Elia's talk on California Condors on April 14.



What is Nature Night?

Nature Night is the Audubon Society of Portland's series of entertaining and informative presentations about various cool aspects of Pacific Northwest natural history. Held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from September through May, in Heron Hall at the Audubon Sanctuary campus on NW Cornell Rd, Nature Nights are free and open to the public.

Topics range from learning about beloved species like owls and bats, to far-ranging conservation work in Alaska, to the study of how birds learn their songs, to the fascinating geology of Oregon.

Your membership dollars help support amazing programs like Nature Night — we hope you can attend often and enjoy!

Egg-napping! Rescuing the Streaked Horned Larks of the Pacific Northwest with Adrian Wolf

Tuesday, February 10 • 7pm Heron Hall

Streaked Horned Lark © Rod Gilbert



Streaked Horned Larks (*Eremophila alpestris strigata*) are an iconic — and disappearing — symbol of grasslands in the Pacific Northwest. They nest in sparsely vegetated, open grasslands and were once found from Southern Oregon to British Columbia. The prairies of South Puget Sound and Western Oregon have seen a 90–95% reduction over the past century, and in 2013 the US Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Streaked Horned Lark as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

There are estimated to be fewer than 1,600 Streaked Horned Larks left on the planet, but all is not lost! Some of their last strongholds are in the Willamette Valley, and scientists are working to relocate eggs from these hardy populations to the weakened South Puget Sound population. This "egg-napping" is hoped to spur genetic diversity and reproduction rates. Join Conservation Biologist **Adrian Wolf** as he shares stories and photos of Streaked Horned Lark natural history and conservation status, and the dramatic efforts being made to rescue this colorful bird.

Currently a Conservation Biologist for the Center for Natural Lands Management in Olympia, WA, Adrian Wolf has over 20 years of experience in wildlife and botanical surveys, working with threatened and endangered species in California and Washington. He has extensive experience with handling birds through ecological research studies that include trapping, marking, and radio-telemetry. The Streaked Horned Lark has been his focus since 2011, and he has banded over 200 Horned Lark nestlings through this monitoring effort. Mr. Wolf obtained a BA from the University of California Irvine and his Masters in Environmental Studies in 2009 from The Evergreen State College.



Photo © Lisa Wolf

Conservation

Pembina Propane Facility Presents Potential New Threat to Portland's Environment

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director



Port of Portland's Terminal 6 docking area for proposed propane facility on the right with West Hayden Island © Bob Sallinger

In September, the Port of Portland announced plans for Calgary-based Pembina Pipeline Company to build a propane export facility on approximately 40 acres at the Port's Terminal 6 along the Columbia River. The propane, a byproduct of natural gas fracking in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, will be transported by mile-long unit trains to the Terminal 6 facility and then loaded onto tankers headed to Asia. The facility will have capacity to handle 33.3 million gallons of propane at one time. The incoming propane trains will arrive approximately every other day while the outgoing propane tankers will arrive 2–3 times per month.

The proposed facility raises significant environmental questions, but it is unclear the degree to which the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on this proposed facility. The Port and Pembina have released a series of conflicting statements regarding the public participation process but have failed to lay out any sort of clear process for that happen. In a September 2, 2014 *Oregonian* article, Port of Portland Director Bill Wyatt indicated that propane facilities face far less stringent regulatory requirements than oil or natural gas. In a subsequent *Oregonian* article dated September 13, 2014, Pembina president Michael Dilger stated, "We'll hang it out there and if Portland wants this, we'll be there and if they don't we won't be.... We're going to take the time to make sure they can get their heads around this." The one thing that is clear is that this project is being fast tracked.

The public may get its best chance to weigh in during the early part of 2015 when the Portland Planning and

Sustainability Council and City Commission will hold hearings on amending the environmental zones at Terminal 6 to allow hazardous propane to be transported through the environmental zones by pipeline, something that is not currently allowed under the current code. These hearings may give the public its best opportunity to raise concerns and let local decision-makers, the Port, and Pembina know how it feels about this facility. Without this amendment to the environmental zones, the project cannot go forward.

There are many reasons for Portland to reject this proposal.

First, according to the City's analysis of the proposed facility, the Pembina Propane facility would be one of the largest electricity users in Portland, requiring 8,000 MWh of electricity per month, which "would result in about 20,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per year — about 0.7% of Portland's actual emissions." In addition, the export of 46–69 million gallons of propane per month will "represent 3 to 5 million metric tons of CO₂ released into the atmosphere annually, which is about 0.01% of global CO₂ emissions." In short, the propane shipped through this single facility will have a measurable impact on both local and global CO₂ emission.

Second, neither Pembina nor the Port has analyzed the environmental risks associated with this facility or the transport of propane along the Columbia River by boat and rail. The proposed facility will occur in the midst of some of Portland's most valuable environmental assets, with Smith and Bybee Lakes just to the south and the Columbia River and West Hayden Island immediately to

the north. Any decision by the City of Portland to amend its environmental zones to allow this facility should be informed by the potential environmental impacts of an explosion.

Third, this facility may be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the Port's ambitions as an energy exporter. Pembina has already made statements indicating that it has ambitions to expand this facility in the future. The Port has indicated that it views energy exports as a significant part of its future marine terminal portfolio, although it has also stated that its current policy is "no to coal" and "not now to crude oil." Portland needs to seriously consider whether it wants its limited industrial lands to be used as a gateway for global energy exports.

Fourth, this project will provide a meager number of jobs. Pembina indicates that it will hire 35–40 people to work on this 40-acre site, approximately one job per acre. At a time when the City and Port are trying to justify converting irreplaceable natural areas to industrial use to generate job growth, using one of the last large vacant riverfront industrial parcels for a project that will generate a nominal number of jobs makes no sense.

Finally, the project could shut down one of Portland's most active waterways several days per month. Federal regulations allow the Coast Guard to establish security zones of up to 500 yards around ships that are docked at these types of facilities. A 500-yard security zone would span the entire width of the Oregon channel.

There are many more concerns to be considered including impacts to air quality and risks presented to local houseboat and manufactured home communities. There are also potential benefits including Port projections that indicate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the city, county, and schools — these promises however need to be well vetted by outside experts before they can be taken seriously.

Portland Audubon is urging the City to turn down the environmental zone amendments that would allow this project to move forward. We will need your help to ensure that the City makes the right choice on this issue.

To get directly involved with Audubon's efforts, contact Micah Meskel at m_meskel@audubonportland.org.

To send an email to the Planning and Sustainability Commission: psc@portlandoregon.gov.

To testify at the Planning and Sustainability Hearing:
Date: January 13, 2015
Time: 12:30pm
Location: 1900 SW 4th Ave, Portland

Backyard Habitat Certification Program Expands into Gresham and Fairview

Residents with private yards can start registering for the program today!

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program is moving east and we invite residents of Gresham and Fairview to join us!

On Wednesday, November 19, Metro Council Representative Shirley Craddick led the charge into Gresham by becoming the first yard officially certified as part of this program expansion. Councilor Craddick's yard is a luscious, ideal example of a wildlife-friendly suburban yard. Her front yard includes a small area of lawn and showy, but not finicky, ornamental perennials. In back, the ornamentals give way to a steep slope of native habitat — vine maples, snowberries, and Indian plum cascade toward a small tributary of Johnson Creek. Not too far away, one can catch a glimpse of a nearby butte, with its forest canopy still intact.

Just one yard may not seem like much, but there are more than 2,600 urban and suburban yards enrolled in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program — spanning more than 500 acres. Together our yards, parks, and urban natural areas are creating important wildlife corridors. Through this program, every yard and every gardener can play a meaningful role in revitalizing the urban landscape and reducing hazards for the hundreds of birds, pollinators, and other wildlife that call our region home.

In concert with our program partners at the Columbia Land Trust, we are providing Gresham and Fairview residents with the same great Backyard Habitat program services, plus a couple new perks. Sign up today and schedule your one-hour site assessment with one of our technicians. During the visit you will learn about the full suite of additional incentives and discounts — such as 10 free plants and a bird house (in the absence of free-roaming cats). Plus we're exploring new partnerships with your favorite local nurseries.



Backyard Habitat Certification Program managers Nikkie West (left) and Gaylen Beatty (right) present Metro Councilor Craddick with her certification sign © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

"I am so pleased this program has expanded into Gresham," said Gresham City Council President Lori Stegmann. "Gresham has long valued its wildlife and green spaces, from rare turtles and spawning salmon to scenic buttes and rich wetlands. Our residents now have an opportunity to receive expert advice from Audubon and Columbia Land Trust, giving them a way to have a direct and positive impact on the environment. For the City and its valued partners, we're leveraging our resources to better serve the community and support sustainability."

Moving the Backyard Habitat Program farther east builds on a long legacy of Portland Audubon's investment in outer East County and Gresham. The City of Gresham is Oregon's fourth-largest city and the second largest in the Portland metropolitan area. It is rich in natural resources and open spaces. Gresham also has a diverse population that will challenge us and create opportunities to think about equity and access to nature differently. From Nadaka Nature Park to Friends of Grant Butte, Audubon is a proud partner in several community-based coalitions that are fighting to protect greenspaces, mitigate man-made hazards to wildlife, and enhance native ecosystems. Now backyards can also play an important role.

Learn more and sign up today at www.backyardhabitats.org.



A Force of Nature



Congratulations to Backyard Habitat Certification Program Manager Nikkie West, who was presented with an Intertwine Alliance Force of Nature Award in the Outstanding Young Professional category. This annual award is given to an individual under 35 years old who has demonstrated the qualities of leadership, working collaboratively, and using innovative approaches to problem solving. © Mike Houck

Wildlife Care Center



Volunteer veterinarian Claire Peterson points out an xray showing a fish hook inside a Western Painted Turtle ©WCC

Wildlife Care Center Open House

Sunday, February 15
11am-5pm

Come to the Wildlife Care Center Open House on February 15th for a chance to experience Oregon's largest wildlife rehabilitation center. Please join us for:

Behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center.

Guided tours will give you a glimpse of what really goes on in one of the busiest wildlife rehabilitation centers in the US. This exclusive tour leads you through the animal intake area, food preparation room, laboratory and xray rooms, treatment and surgery rooms, and indoor and outdoor caging.

Education Birds Meet and Greet. All eight of Audubon's non-releasable Education Birds will be out on sanctuary grounds. Experienced bird handlers will share each bird's story and information about the species in the wild.

Raptor Education Station. Be enraptured by raptors! You will be able to learn more about these birds of prey with a fun hands-on approach to studying raptor parts. Compare wings and feet and other special adaptations of a variety of raptors. Naturalists will be on hand to answer your raptor questions.

Question-and-answer time with a wildlife veterinarian. You will meet Audubon's wildlife veterinarians and try to stump them with your questions. In turn they will attempt to stump you with studies of actual cases seen in the Care Center.

Raptor Art Show. Kids of all ages can draw their favorite raptors.

Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt. Using a guide booklet, search the sanctuary for hidden treasure boxes in this nature-themed scavenger hunt.

The Open House is free to the public with a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family for behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center.

Make sure to schedule your Wildlife Care Center tour ahead of time by calling the Wildlife Care Center at 503-292-0304, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Spaces fill fast so don't delay!



Bullock's Oriole
© Jim Cruce



Northern Flicker
© Steve Berliner



See these dazzling birds and other Warbler images in full color by going to audubonportland.org/about/newsletter.

Western Tanager.
Photo: Kati Fleming

CALL OF THE WILD Online Auction

A benefit for Audubon Society of Portland's Wildlife Care Center

Auction begins: Sunday, February 15, at 9am
Auction closes: Thursday, March 5, at 9pm

View auction items and bid at paulubonauction.dojiggy.com



California Condor © Oregon Zoo

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill!

Here are just a few of the unique experiences featured in our 5th annual Call of the Wild auction:

Rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Oregon Zoo's California Condor Recovery Facility

Head Condor Keeper Kelli Walker will take you on a fascinating tour that highlights the extensive effort that goes into the recovery of the California Condor. This is an amazing opportunity — the Oregon Zoo's California Condor breeding program is one of only four in the country!

Glider Rides

Fly like a raptor as you glide on the whims of the wind in a 2-seater sailplane with commercial pilot Gary Gross. You'll soar in silent, motor-less flight as you drink in the magnificent view below.

Peregrine Falcon Barge Junket jaunt

Enjoy a leisurely river ride on a barge named "Simplicity" with conservation director Bob Sallinger as he expounds on the history and conservation successes of Portland's Peregrine Falcons.



© Bob Sallinger

Other auction items include guided bird walks, field trips and nature hikes, a "Raptor Release" experience, weekend get-away homes, and much more. Don't miss out! Bid heartily and help save wild animals at the Wildlife Care Center at paulubonauction.dojiggy.com.

A Strong Year and Foundations for the Future

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

January is a time for reflection as well as a time to look ahead, set goals, and build off of the momentum from the previous year. Let me just say, 2014 was an amazing year! Not only did we rehabilitate over 3,000 animals, we also responded to over 10,000 phone inquiries and over 1,000 emails. We successfully rehabilitated 4 Bald Eagles and released them back into the wild and received confirmation that a Bald Eagle we had rehabilitated and released 4 years earlier was thriving and reproducing. Often we can't get confirmation that an animal is thriving post-release.

We released our preliminary results from our lead study where we look at lead levels of raptors and scavengers that come into our facility. You can read this report on our website. Deb Sheaffer, our Wildlife Veterinarian, presented this lead data at the 2014 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife rehabilitation conference. This year we also received our new digital x-ray machine which allows us the ability to radiograph and read x-rays easier than before.

We don't just work with animals. We have over 150 volunteers that come in and dedicate their time in the Wildlife Care Center. We offered 7 classes to the volunteers last year ranging from training how to administer fluids to checking fecals for parasites. We also trained one TALON intern (this program provides training and employment for young adults ages 16-22 as they learn to Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture) and 6 interns from the Portland Community College Veterinary Technician program.

Our training often extends beyond our facility. This year we presented data we collected from phone calls that come into our facility. We presented our results at the Urban Ecology Research Consortium (UERC) in February and were asked to come back and speak again in November. We also presented our results at the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council symposium in December.

We accomplished a lot! So where do we go from here? How do we continue the momentum from 2014? We will continue to rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife and respond to wildlife-related inquiries. We plan to analyze some of our 25 years of intake data, something which has



Juvenile Great Horned Owl released back to the wild at Kruger's Howl at the Moon Festival ©Tom Schmid

not happened since 1999, and compare that with the 10-plus years of phone data we have. We will quantify a number of the common reasons that animals are being presented to our facility and then map trends from this data to inform our future outreach. We will be furthering our partnership with Portland Community College and hosting an intern from the Biology and Management of Zoo Animals program which trains future animal husbandry professionals.

To see more of what we do, come to our **annual Wildlife Care Center open house on February 15!** We offer tours inside our Wildlife Care Center along with other fun activities like "stump the wildlife veterinarian," when you can see and ask questions about some of the cases we've had in the Wildlife Care Center. Our **Call of the Wild online auction runs from February 15-March 5** during which we auction off amazing nature-based experiences. Every dollar raised in the auction and the open house goes directly to help us purchase supplies for the animals in our care. Details about these events are elsewhere on this page.

What about the next 5 years? We continue to ask questions and plan for our future. We are in the research phase for potentially building a new Wildlife Care Center. This would be a state-of-the-art rehabilitation and education facility where we would be able to reach more people in our community. As we enter this exciting time we couldn't do what we do without the support of people like you. We look forward to having you as a part of our future!

Educational Trips

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland. View more International and Domestic trips at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult. Portland Audubon's International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our 150-acre Forest Park Nature Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you. Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours... so please, no lens over 400mm unless approved beforehand by trip leader.

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early.
Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip.

Southern California February 16–22, 2015

The subtropical Mediterranean climate of Southern California makes for a perfect winter home for many wonderful species of birds. Based out of **San Diego**, this tour will take you through a variety of habitats from coastal lagoons to interior mountains and deserts, and to one of Southern California's most popular birding destinations, the **Salton Sea**. We will also visit the world-famous **San Diego Zoo Safari Park**, known for its help with reintroducing the California Condor. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119** for more information or to register.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Audubon Trip Leader and Co-executive Director of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science
Group size: Limited to 9–14 participants
Fee: \$1295* members / \$1495* non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

SOUTHERN SPAIN

September 13–26, 2015

Enjoy the pleasant days of autumn on the Mediterranean coast and in the mountains of southern Spain. This trip to Andalucía is the ideal time to experience European fall migration, as birds funnel down the Iberian Peninsula and congregate over the coast of Trafalgar before crossing the Strait of Gibraltar to continue their journey southward into Africa. As we travel through this ancient land we will come across remains of Roman camps and Phoenician settlements as we search for birds and wildlife. We'll marvel at Moorish architecture and 15th century churches and explore time-honored villages where Spanish folk songs echo down narrow corridors and inspire soulful flamenco dances.



Azure-winged Magpie
© Charles Lam

We begin our trip in the Coto Doñana National Park, where the delta of the Guadalquivir River forms the largest wetland in Europe. This ecosystem is home to a wide array of sought-after birds such as **Greater Flamingo**, **White-headed Duck**, **Spanish Imperial Eagle** and **Azure-winged Magpie**.

Heading south along the Trafalgar coast to the fishing village of Tarifa we will visit nearby hilltops to enjoy distant views of Africa and await the passage of migratory birds. If the winds are in our favor, we may see thousands of migratory **European Honey Buzzards** with lesser numbers of **Egyptian Vultures**, **Black Kites**, **Marsh and Montagu's Harriers**, **Short-toed** and **Booted Eagles**, and both **Black** and **White Storks**. There is even a chance to see the rare **Rüppell's Vulture**, a predominantly African species. Many passerines will be moving through as well, including **European Bee-eater**, **Hoopoe**, and **Western Yellow Wagtail** to name a few.

We will make a stop at the British enclave of Gibraltar where we will enjoy the views from this famous limestone monolith and look for the Barbary Macaque, the only wild primate on the European continent.

Winding north along the Mediterranean we will reach the bucolic setting of Ronda with white-washed buildings, dramatic gorges, limestone karst and cork oak woodland. While here we will search for the noble Spanish Ibex and avian treasures such as **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Black-eared Wheatear** and **Iberian Grey Shrike**.

Our trip ends in the city of Granada where the famous Moorish castle, the Alhambra, was built in the 11th century. We will be sure to explore the Alhambra and take time to wander this beautiful city. We will also visit Sierra Nevada National Park where the Guadalquivir headwaters begin in these 11,000-foot peaks.

Join Portland Audubon on this exotic trip to the Mediterranean where pastoral getaways and the elegance of a sun-drenched landscape blend with the unique cultural heritage of Spain. Contact Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator, and Stefan Schlick, Trip Leader
Fee: \$3995* members / \$4295* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Birding Northeast Oregon June 14–18, 2015

Explore northeast Oregon in luxury from the beautiful and historic Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City. We'll visit the Wallowa Mountains, Hells Canyon, the Blue Mountains and the Historic Oregon Trail. A few of the birds we may see include Calliope Hummingbird, Gray Catbird, Bobolink and Yellow-breasted Chat. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$1195* members / \$1395* non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER

June 7–18, 2015

Alaska is a land of superlatives and a must-visit destination for anyone keen on the natural history of North America. This trip will introduce you to some of the best of Alaska at a fun and relaxed pace.

We'll begin in Nome, surrounded by stunning scenery and incredible birding opportunities. Expect an exhilarating mix of the exotic and the familiar here: **Bluethroat** and **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** — Asian songbirds of the brushy tundra — breed next to White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows. **Harlequin Duck** and **Wandering Tattler** share their riparian breeding grounds with **Arctic Warbler**. Waterfowl and shorebirds seen only in migration farther south are devoted to full-time breeding activities.

During our five days in south-central Alaska we follow the Denali Highway across a landscape recently emerged from the ice age yet rich in bird life. **White-winged Crossbill**, **Boreal Chickadee**, and **Northern Hawk Owl** can be found in the spruce forests. Tundra ponds have nesting **Common** and **Red-throated Loon**, **Trumpeter Swan**, and ducks galore. Out on the low tundra we'll look for **Long-tailed Jaeger**, **Whimbrel** and **Smith's Longspur**. We'll travel by bus deep into Denali National Park for excellent chances of observing Grizzly Bear, Dall's Sheep, Caribou, and possibly even Gray Wolf.

The trip concludes in the rich maritime ecosystem of the Kenai Fjords National Park. On a full-day boat trip we'll look for **Red-faced Cormorant**, **Kittlitz's Murrelet** and **Thick-billed Murre** among the thousands of **Black-legged Kittiwakes** and **Tufted** and **Horned Puffins**. Our boat will give us the chance to see Sea Otter, the toes of tidewater glaciers, and Humpback Whale and Orca. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119**.

Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager
Fee: \$3995* members / \$4295* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

ALASKA: BARROW EXTENSION

June 18–21, 2015

Barrow, the farthest north municipality in the United States, is roughly 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 1200 miles from the North Pole. This time of year the tundra is alive and teeming with shorebirds, ducks, and geese busily beginning their nesting cycle. **Red Phalaropes** seem to occupy every melt-water pond and **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** stand on hummocks flashing their white underwings in the midnight sun. **Pectoral Sandpipers** cruise their territory perimeters booming an unearthly sound and **Pomarine Jaegers** streak across the tundra.

Searching the tundra we may find **Common** and **King Eider** as well as the very rare **Spectacled** and **Steller's Eider**. We might turn up **four species of loon: Yellow-billed, Arctic, Pacific, and Red-throated**. And with luck we'll find **Snowy Owls** nesting near town. With constant daylight the pace of activity among the birds is frenetic and every day brings new possibilities. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119**.

Fee: \$1195* members / \$1395* non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

August 16–23, 2015

Enjoy spring-like weather in the peaceful mountains of southeastern Arizona. This is the best season to find up to 15 species of hummingbirds and search for sought-after birds such as Elegant Trogon and Varied Bunting. Contact Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$1995* members / \$2195* non-members
Deposit: \$1000 required to secure your place

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinners, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders.

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online: Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.

OR: Contact Eric Scheuering via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then...

2. Mail in your check: Make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.

3. Credit card payment: Call Eric Scheuering (971-222-6119) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).

Contact Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Director, at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

The Art of Illustrating Insects

January 7, 14, & 21 (Wed),
6:30pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

This workshop will focus on the scientific illustration of insects with an emphasis on conveying anatomical structure and creating aesthetically pleasing images. Exercises will allow participants to practice drawing techniques as they work toward a finished piece. Nature illustrator **Stacey (Zebith) Thalden** has a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA focusing on Painting & Entomology from Goddard College.

Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members (includes \$15 for supplies)

Limited to 18 participants. 10 minimum.

Winter Gull I.D.

January 17 (Sat), 10am–Noon: Class in Heron Hall; then Noon–3pm: Local Field Trip (carpool)

We will come right out and say it: Most gulls are actually pretty easy to identify. You just need to know what to look for. Local guide and author **John Rakestraw** will show you how to recognize our local wintering species by size, shape, and plumage and then we'll visit local gull hotspots to practice our new skills. Let go of your fear and embrace your inner gull lover.

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$30 members / \$45 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Nature Journaling the Winter

January 24 & 31 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

Do you already keep a nature journal but would like to take it a step further? Have you always wanted to begin one but didn't know how? Let artist and author **Jude Siegel** set you on your way. Nature Journaling is a wonderful blend of writing, drawing, watercolor, and more. No art experience needed, just enthusiasm!

Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members

Limited to 16 participants.

Beginning Birding I

(Session A): Jan 29 (Thur), 7pm–9pm:
Class in Heron Hall

Feb 1 & 8 (Sun), 9am–Noon:
Local Field Trips

(Session B): Feb 11 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class at
Leach Garden Manor House,
6704 SE 122nd Ave.

Feb 14 & 21 (Sat), 9am–Noon:
Local Field Trips

Join **Laura Whittemore**, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the country's most popular hobby. You will learn to recognize birds by shape, behavior, plumage, and more; and how to use binoculars and field guides to zero in on the identity of that mysterious little bird. Learn about birds with the patient guidance of an experienced birder.

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants per session: \$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Raptor Road Trip Rev-Up!

February 4 (Wed), 7pm–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall

-or- February 5 (Thur), 7pm–8:30pm: Class at
Leach Garden Manor House, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.

The Willamette Valley is a winter home to a variety of hawks, eagles, and falcons. Join us for this introduction to identifying birds of prey where we'll learn the key field marks of local wintering raptors and make side-by-side comparisons of similar species. A great way to prepare for the Raptor Road Trip on February 7th!

Fee: Suggested donation \$10. No pre-registration required.

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am–Noon

Feb 7, Mar 7, and Apr 4: Local Field Trips

Saturday morning explorations with **Greg Baker** at one of Oregon's most accessible Important Bird Areas — Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. This class series is perfect

for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions. Explore different habitats, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$65 members / \$80 non-members

Limited to 15 participants.

Pre-registration required — participants register for all three days.

Advanced Waterfowl I.D.

Feb 11 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Feb 14 (Sat), 8am–Noon: Local Field Trip (carpool)

Most male ducks in breeding plumage are pretty easy to identify, but can you identify the females? Lesser and Greater Scaup? Tundra and Trumpeter Swans? Can you tell a Taverner's Cackling Goose from a Ridgway's Cackling Goose? Join local guide and author **John Rakestraw** for this class that will focus on these challenges and more.

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$30 members / \$45 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners: Mallards to Wood Ducks

Mar 4 (Wed), 7pm–8:30pm: Class at Leach Garden Manor House, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.

Mar 7 & 14 (Sat), 9am–Noon: Local Field Trips

The Willamette Valley is home to more than 25 species of waterfowl. Join **Laura Whittemore** to learn how to identify some of the more common waterfowl species using shape, plumage, habits, and habitat as guides. Experience the satisfaction of mastering identification of a notoriously difficult family of birds!

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Registration for
Spring & Summer
Camps begin
January 8 at
8:00am

Spring Break Camp 2015 at the Audubon Society of Portland

To register, go to audubonportland.org for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form. Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.

| MONDAY, MARCH 23 – FRIDAY, MARCH 27 | | | THURSDAY, MARCH 26 | FRIDAY, MARCH 27 |
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| Tails of the Forest: Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri) <i>1st grade</i> | | | | |
| Pick and choose between one and five days based on the day's theme (to suit your family schedule) as you learn about the tails of the forest. Each day we will focus on a different theme as we tell tales about animals, play animal games, and make art projects inspired by what you learn. We will be sure to spend lots of time in Audubon's wildlife sanctuary searching for bushy squirrel tails, slippery newt tails, and spiky woodpecker tails. All 5 days: \$240 member/ \$260 non-member Single days: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member | | | | |
| MONDAY, MARCH 23 | TUESDAY, MARCH 24 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 | Reptile Road Trip <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> This camp will be like a journey back through time to the era when Mega-Reptiles ruled the earth. You'll travel to Brad's World of Reptiles in Corvallis, Oregon where you'll get to see and handle some of the largest reptiles in the world. Help hold (with at least 12 other kids) a 15-ft-long python. Pet a giant Snapping Turtle while expert handlers hold it, and see a massive King Cobra. Learn the threats facing these impressive creatures and what can be done to save them. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Leader: Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator | Wild Art Adventure <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> Spend a day exploring the forest, pond, and trails surrounding Portland Audubon and let your creativity run wild! We will build natural sculptures and collect forest materials to craft fantastic art creations. Come join us while we paint, draw, construct, and adventure to our heart's content! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator |
| The Art of Invisibility <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> To ambush, to lie in wait, to surprise, and to hide in plain sight... these will be our goals as we use the Audubon Sanctuary to focus on the skill of disappearing. We'll sneak through the woods trying to stay undetected, play games that will help us hone our skill, and follow maps that lead to delicious bounty. Come with us for a sneaky fun adventure in the art of camouflage. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member Leader: Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator | Birds of the Forest: Art <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> Hike along forest trails that wind through woodpecker, owl, and songbird habitat. Use your observations of birds and their habitat to create boldly colorful, wildly imaginative drawings and sculptures using oil pastels, graphite, colored pencils, and clay. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member Leader: Susan Leeb, Art Instructor | Junior Wildlife Vet 101 <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member | | |
| Birding the Buttes <i>2nd–3rd grade</i> Spend a day traveling to many of our local eastside mini-volcanos as we grab binoculars and hand lenses to learn about the geology of Portland's volcanic vents while searching out the birds that call these greenspaces home. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Leader: Gladys Ruiz, Naturalist-Educator | Surf's Up <i>4th–8th grade</i> Join Audubon's Educators on this day-long exploration of the coast. We'll discover the awesome animals that live in tidepools, explore a few caves, learn some cool geology, and find time to build a sandcastle or two. We guarantee that you'll learn more about the beach in one day than you thought possible, and that you'll have a blast doing it! Note: the camp returns at 5:00pm. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Leaders: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator & Ian Abraham, Camp Director | Map, Compass & Beyond <i>4th–8th grade</i> Come spend the day at Portland's scenic Mt Tabor Park to learn how to use a topographical map and compass. We'll discover the hidden art of field navigation as we learn how to interpret a topographic map and how to use a compass. Learn how to read contour lines, understand map scale, and orient a map to the surrounding landscape. Combined with compass skills, we will learn some tips and tricks on using your observation skills, awareness, and internal compass to help find your way. With treasure map in hand, your team will navigate to hidden treasures and clues on Portland's only extinct volcano. The search is on! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Leader: Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator | Coil Basketry <i>4th–8th grade</i> Have you ever wanted to make something beautiful using all-natural materials? Learn to create an elegant basket, simply from ponderosa pine needles gathered from the forest floor! In this ancient art of basket making, pine needles are assembled into bunches and sewn in spiraling coils that gradually grow into a unique basket. Spend a day at Portland Audubon's wildlife sanctuary, adventuring through the forest, playing games, and of course, creating your very own basket to take home! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator | Junior Wildlife Vet 102 <i>4th–8th grade</i> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member |

Keeping kids
in touch with
nature!

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

The Early Bird Gets the Best Nest Site

The winter solstice, December 21, has the shortest day and longest night of the year. Each day thereafter into the summer months is a bit longer, and the nights a bit shorter. This is very important to birds as the lengthening days give more time for foraging and interacting. It also activates the birds' metabolism, preparing them for migration and the upcoming breeding season.

It takes about a month and a half before the birds begin to show their reaction to the longer daylight hours. On their wintering grounds they begin to put on weight and become restless, and many start moving northward. There is a major change in bird activities in Oregon by mid-February. The weather has nothing to do with this increase in activity.

Local permanent residents move on to their nesting sites during this period, and begin to sing and defend territories, although they may not lay eggs for several months yet. Moving to the nesting territory early is most important as the first one there gets the best nesting site, and the best chance of successfully bringing off young.

In this respect it is important to remember that among most migrant birds the females and subadults migrate

farther south than the males. Some of the males take great chances to remain as far north as they can without getting into trouble, moving northward at every break in the weather and dropping back when it turns nasty.

In migrant birds nesting usually begins with the arrival of the female. Local permanent residents regularly move on to their nesting territories early, often two or three months before the first egg is laid. Each species has its own nesting schedule, but it is a bit flexible. If the breeding pair arrive on territory and find conditions excellent they may begin nesting immediately.

Most permanent residents begin incubation in March or April, but there are many records of February nesting, and even some in late December and January. Many of these early nests are unsuccessful, but there are many advantages for nesting early and are well worth the attempt.

Great Blue Herons regularly return to their colonies in February to repair their nests and begin displaying. Most birds do not begin incubation until late March, but many of the older, more experienced birds occupying the best sites begin immediately. These early birds will be feeding young while the majority of the eggs in the colony have not yet hatched. They will have completed nesting before the food supply has been reduced by overharvesting.

Sightings

In recent years Broughton Beach, along the Columbia River north of the Portland Airport, has proven to be one of the outstanding birding spots in the Portland area.

On November 24 Jen Sanford spotted a rather tame **Tree Sparrow** foraging in the grass near the Sea Scout Base at Broughton Beach. It remained in the area for other birders to locate and photograph. A flock of about 10 **Horned Larks** were also in the dike grasses. David Leal saw a **Sabine's Gull** at Broughton Beach September 24.

On November 26 Ray Michimoto and Davy Crockett spotted a **Snow Bunting** at the parking lot of the Airbase Fire Station. One wintered in that area a couple of years ago.

Broughton Beach, along with Columbia Point on Hayden Island, are the better locations to view the waterbird concentrations on the river. By December up to 14 **Surf Scoters**, 4 **White-winged Scoters**, 4 **Black Scoters**, and at least one **Clark's Grebe** were in the area.

On November 7 Russ Namitz visited Hagg Lake south of Forest Grove and recorded 7 **Surf Scoters** and a **Black Scoter**. Although the Fernhill Wetlands were still under construction restrictions, Steve Nord visited the area November 9 and recorded a **Clay-colored Sparrow**.

Up to 4 **Sabine's Gulls** were on Sauvie Island during late September. Andy Frank saw one at Smith & Bybee Lakes September 11, and Russ Namitz saw a **Franklin's Gull** there October 17. Phillip Kline saw one November 15 on the golf course at Delta Park.



Sandhill Crane © Jim Cruce

A **Snowy Egret** spent all fall at Post Office Lake near Ridgefield NWR. On October 15 Bob Flores reported a **Sanderling** on this National Wildlife Refuge. Randy Hill saw a **Palm Warbler** on the refuge October 10. North of the refuge in Woodland Bottoms October 26 Russ Koppendrayner found a **Red Phalarope**.

On October 7 Michael Van Kleek reported a flock of 12 **Meadowlarks** on Mt Tabor Park in southeast Portland. Seems like a rather odd place to find a flock.

White Pelicans are becoming a regular species in the area. This fall up to 175 were regularly seen. On October 13 the yearly **Sandhill Crane** count was taken on Sauvie Island and Ridgefield NWR. The count this year was an above-average 5,040 individuals. From October 27 to November 8 a major southward crane flight was reported over the Willamette Valley.

Great Horned Owl
© Steve Berliner



Red-tailed Hawks and Great Horned Owls

Many of the Great Horneds are incubating by late January, while most Red-taileds begin in March. When the other hawks return and begin to set up territories, these two species have already staked out the better sites. The others must squeeze in wherever they can. When the young of these early nestings hatch, it is during the period of the highest food supplies.

Volunteer of the Month: Bill Helsley

by Pam Meyers, Membership Development Manager

You may have met **Bill Helsley** here at Audubon Society of Portland as he educates the public about raptors while handling Syd, the Red-tailed Hawk — but for Membership Development, there is a whole other side to Bill's volunteer work. Bill



Bill and Syd © Deanna Sawtelle

has become a true Audubon Ambassador over the past few years, helping Development at member and donor events. Bill has performed the gamut of hosting activities for Audubon — from graciously greeting guests, parking cars, and driving the Audubon shuttle van, to pouring wine with the skill of a sommelier. No matter the role, Bill's long history as a volunteer helps him connect with every guest. He is cheerfully responsive to requests, often accommodating even last-minute events.

Since he started volunteering here in 1989, Bill has worn many hats. From working with birds of prey in the Wildlife Care Center, to helping with the early Wild Arts Festivals and even joining the staff as bookkeeper, Bill has seen it all! His dedicated volunteer work earned him a Mamie Campbell Award in 1996.

Bill was one of the first Education Bird handlers to work with Syd when she came to Audubon in 1992. That same year, armed with a BS in Accounting, Bill became part-time bookkeeper and stayed for three years. He then used his love of nature and skill with numbers by working as a Field Tech doing wetlands delineations and Eagle studies. For the last 14 years of his career before retiring, Bill was a Research Accountant for Portland State University.

Although Bill and his wife Susan spend much of their new-found free time traveling, he still gives generously of his time volunteering for Portland Audubon. Thank you, Bill, for all you do for us — and for so graciously connecting people to the Audubon Society of Portland!

Volunteering at Audubon Is Fun and Rewarding!

The Audubon Society of Portland's mission is to "promote the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats," and it's what our volunteers do every day! As one of the Northwest's leading conservation organizations, we offer a wide range of natural history and environmental activities to members, the community, and especially volunteers. *Whatever your interests or talents, there is a volunteer position for you.*

These include many regularly scheduled volunteer opportunities, as well as special projects and event positions:

- Help restore habitat in our wildlife sanctuary.
- Be a conservation activist!
- Care for and feed injured native wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center. (There is often a wait list for this volunteer opportunity, **but seasonal positions will soon be available for "Baby Bird Season."**)
- Help visitors find the perfect gift, bird guide, or pair of binoculars by being a clerk at the Nature Store.
- Lead school groups through a fascinating exploration of our nature sanctuary.
- Be a voice for Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.



Jean Baecher Brown leading a sanctuary tour © Deanna Sawtelle

Carolyn Snegoski helping customers at the Nature Store © Deanna Sawtelle

- Help make Audubon's special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is **Thursday, February 18, 6pm–8:30pm**. Before attending Orientation, participants are required to complete a Volunteer Application at <http://audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp>. Those who wish to volunteer in a capacity **beyond special events** must also attend General Volunteer Training on **Saturday, February 28, 9am–4:30pm**.

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland but have questions, please contact Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager, at dsawtelle@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext.108.

Thank You to:

- Ginnie Ross and Karen Sharples for a new tank for the Wildlife Care Center's Education Turtle "Bybee," the Western Painted Turtle
- Nicole Vanderheyden for blankets and towels for the Wildlife Care Center
- WelchAllyn for a Pan Optic Ophthalmoscope and a Lithium Ion Rechargeable Handle for the Wildlife Care Center

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
Ergonomic Office Chairs

For Wildlife Care Center:
Science Diet Kitten Growth Bleach
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags

For Sanctuary:
Loppers
Hand saws
Work gloves

If you can donate these items, please first contact Audubon Society of Portland at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon–Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

Nature Store Highlights

Binoculars 101: Field Flattening Lenses

by Nancy Mattson, Store Manager

When Swarovski Optik introduced their new Swarovision EL binoculars in 2010, the ELs quickly became the Nature Store's best selling top-quality optics. Other manufacturers immediately mobilized their design staffs to come up with competitive models and these new designs are finally hitting the market. What is the most important feature they share with the ELs? Field flattening lenses!

What are they?

A non-technical comparison helps explain the difference: standard binocular lenses offer a view that is similar to looking at an old-fashioned tube TV, while binoculars with field flattening lenses offer a view much like a flat screen TV.

What is the benefit?

With a flat image, the perfect focus in the center of the lens carries right out to the very edges of the field of view. A Black-throated Gray Warbler suddenly pops into view on the very right edge of your view, then leaves again before you can move your head (and binos) to the right. With field flattening lenses, he was just as clear and sharp as the Yellow Warbler you were busy watching in the center of your field of view. In addition, objects will lose the slightly "bowed" appearance they are given by standard lenses. Maybe those fat little Warblers aren't quite as fat as you thought!

Any downside?

Well, two additional lenses are needed between the set of ocular lenses and the prisms to create a flat field. This adds some weight. Swarovski ELs became about 2 oz heavier in a full-size and 1 oz heavier in a mid-size model.

The New Competitors:

Carl Zeiss Sports Optics is now shipping stock of their new **Zeiss Victory SF**. They have field flattening lenses, a wider field of view than any binocular in their class (444 ft in the 8x42 and 360 ft in the 10 power), and a new triple-link open hinge bridge that allows them to weigh in at around 2 oz less than their Victory FL models while offering a super comfortable grip and great focus knob placement.



Zeiss Victory SF 10x42

Leupold & Stevens, Inc., our favorite local optics manufacturer, just sent us their first newly redesigned **Leupold McKinley HD** full-size binoculars in an 8x42. The 10x42 models will come in the spring. Along with field flattening lenses, they've added other improvements like slimmer, more ergonomic barrels. And despite the additional lenses, the weight of the McKinley has also dropped rather than increased! The pricing is also sure to please, with the 8x42 model at a member price of \$579.99 and the 10x42 at \$599.99.



Leupold BX-4 McKinley HD

Stop by the Nature Store this winter to try these great new optics and see what field flattening lenses can do for your spring nature viewing!



CL Companion Africa

Limited Edition Swarovski CL Companion Africa

Portland Audubon's **Natural History Ecotour** to South Africa in November was a great success. We're celebrating here at the Nature Store by bringing in Swarovski Optik's new **Limited Edition CL Companion Africa**. We are stocking the 8x30 model which weighs a mere 17.6 oz and is 4.7" long, making it the perfect travel companion to locations where every ounce counts and comfort is the key. The limited edition model is a unique deep burnished brown and comes with a specially handcrafted canvas field bag and leather neck strap. The 10x30 is available by special order.

Authors at Portland Audubon

Call Me Captain: A Memoir of a Woman at Sea

It may be the doldrums of winter weather in Portland, but you can have a unique Hawaiian experience when author **Susan Scott** comes to Portland Audubon for a **free** presentation and book signing on **Thursday, February 12 at 7:00pm** in Heron Hall. Marine biologist and author Scott writes a weekly column called "Ocean Watch" for the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* and has written six previous books about nature in Hawaii. Her most recent work, **Call Me Captain: A Memoir of a Woman at Sea** (University of Hawaii Press, \$19.99), combines harrowing tales of

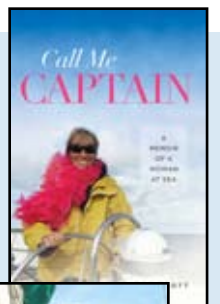
Susan Scott, author of **Call Me Captain**
Thursday, February 12
7:00pm Heron Hall
Free and open to the public

sailing the Pacific, midlife crises, and the beauty of isolated marine wildlife refuges that are off-limits to most people.

Leaving in 2004, Susan sailed her 37-foot ketch, *Honu*, from Honolulu to Palmyra Atoll, Fanning Atoll, Tahiti, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, New Caledonia, and Australia. She shipped the boat from Brisbane to Mexico in 2008 and spent several years exploring the wildlife of the Sea of Cortez. *Honu* is currently moored in Tahiti. Along with her writing career,

Susan works as a volunteer biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at such wildlife refuges as Palmyra Atoll and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 with questions or to reserve a copy of the book.



Submitted photo

Marmot Cabin

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

A lesser known piece of the Audubon Society of Portland's Wildlife Sanctuaries is Marmot Cabin. Tucked into the foothills of Mt. Hood and immediately adjacent to the Bull Run Watershed Reserve, Marmot Cabin is a 91-acre gem that plays a relatively small but crucial role in our education programs for youth.

The property and cabin was a gift from the late Dr. Joseph Miller, who had originally purchased 94 acres at this site in 1948 with the intention of settling down and retiring on this remote and pristine land. In the early 1970s Dr. Miller became disillusioned with the US Forest Service's management of the adjacent Bull Run Reserve. Upset by a proposal to open up 30,000 acres of the reserve to recreational use, including boating, Dr. Miller discovered that the Bull Run Reserve was being actively and extensively logged. In 1976 Dr. Miller successfully sued the Forest Service (*Miller v. Mallery*) on the grounds that the logging violated the 1904 Trespass Act.

While the federal courts ordered the logging to cease, the victory was short lived. One year later the US Congress nullified the trespass act and, to a great extent, Dr. Miller's hard-fought victory. Dr. Miller's advocacy did succeed in bringing much greater awareness to the management practices of the Bull Run Reserve, particularly to a public that previously just did not want to believe that such extensive logging was happening. This greater public awareness has provided protections that the laws cannot, and since 1977 logging in the watershed was greatly reduced.

At this same time Dr. Miller divided his 94-acre property into two parcels of land and gifted the larger 91-acre parcel to Portland Audubon. Dr. Miller's vision was for the property to be maintained as a sanctuary for wildlife and a place for education. In his gift he had the following language written into the deed, language which comes from the original Audubon Philosophy:

- We believe in the wisdom of nature's design.
- We know that soil, water, plants, and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life.
- We recognize that each living thing links to many others in the chain of nature.
- We believe that persistent research into the intricate patterns of outdoor life will help to assure wise use of earth's abundance. We condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost.
- We believe that every generation should be able to experience spiritual and physical refreshment in places where primitive nature is undisturbed. So we will be vigilant to protect wilderness areas, refuges, and parks, and to encourage good use of nature's storehouse of resources.
- We dedicate ourselves to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of young and old that all may come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world and to share in conserving its wonders forever.

Currently Marmot Cabin serves as a destination for several of our Summer Camp programs and is home base for our Outdoor School Program. It is a place where we can provide a brief but deep immersion in outdoor and environmental

Sanctuaries Happenings



Marmot Cabin © Portland Audubon

education and awareness programs for the youth that we serve. To protect the nature of the site and maintain a safe and private environment for our educational programs we do not open the site up to public visitation. We limit our impact to 75 nights per year of programming, and currently fall significantly below that threshold.

In the coming months we will be preparing to make some needed improvements to the property to bring us up to date with county and state guidelines for educational camp facilities, and this once "secret gem" will be receiving a lot more attention than it has in the past. If you have questions about the property or the project, please contact me at tcostello@audubonportland.org.

If you would like more information on the history of the Bull Run Reserve and Dr. Joseph Miller, please refer to *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Volume 96, Numbers 2/3, pages 242-270. This is the Summer-Fall 1995 edition which focuses on Aspects of Portland History.

2014 Wild Arts Festival — A Record-Breaking Year

by Mary Solares, Board Member and Wild Arts Festival Chair

The 2014 Wild Arts Festival (WAF) was our most successful year ever. Records were broken on every front, including attendance, sales, volunteer participation, and new memberships. The excitement started on Friday evening as Montgomery Park started buzzing during setup. By Saturday morning, Montgomery Park had transformed. The chaotic jumble of boxes, hand trucks, ladders, and folding screens had been replaced with a picture-perfect scene of gorgeous art, beautiful books, and Audubon's lively and popular Education Birds. And there were hundreds of people lining up and waiting for the Festival to open.

What makes Wild Arts so special is not just the talent of our fabulous artists and authors, or even the funds raised for Portland Audubon. It's the way the community comes together. It's the joy of seeing old friends and celebrating the magic that happens when art and nature intersect.

Here are just a few facts and figures to give you a taste of this remarkable event. First of all, we are thrilled to announce that the Festival grossed **\$175,000** which was a \$25,000 jump from last year. This resulted in net earnings of approximately **\$110,000** for Portland Audubon compared to \$83,000 in 2013. And there was a huge increase in the number of visitors, which climbed to over **5,550** compared to 4,100 in 2013. We also welcomed 165 new members who joined Audubon during the Festival. Sponsorships by local businesses and individual supporters increased to \$40,000. And there were record sales in all departments.

70 Northwest artists participated and a huge percentage had their strongest sales ever. Once again, many artists commented that Wild Arts is their **favorite annual show**, thanks to the wonderful energy, sense of family, helpful volunteers, and knowing that a portion of their sales goes to all the work that Audubon supports.

Meanwhile, the Book Fair was buzzing with visitors from the start of the show to the end, and more than a few titles were sold out. In particular, Ursula K. LeGuin, a WAF staple and winner of this year's National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, was on hand. Also present was Noah Strycker, author of *A Thing With Feathers*, who is attempting to break a world record by documenting 5,000 species in his really "Big Year."

People lined up once again for the much-anticipated **sale of 6"x6" original paintings**. We had over 200 canvases and they sold fast. Blick art materials once again donated the canvases. The quality of the artwork increases every year and many of our Festival artists participate as well as known Northwest artists. A new event this year was "**Artists in Flight**," a demonstration by artists creating original 6"x6"s on the spot.

Thank you, sponsors!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Backyard Bird Shop, which stepped up once again to become our "Presenting Sponsor" at the \$10,000 level. We are particularly thankful to our generous sponsors. We extend our gratitude to the following businesses and individuals:

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Thank you also to the wonderful 40 Friends of Wild Arts and our fabulous Community Supporters. We couldn't do this without you.

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Silent Auction Team © Mary Solares



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Silent Auction sales jumped exponentially with over 200 items to bid on and many going for the "Buy it now" price, and overall, items averaged an unusually high 67% of their fair market value. In addition to donations by Audubon supporters, over 80% of artists in the show also contributed a piece of art. Many festival-goers noted that the quality of items in the auction keeps getting better each year.

The **Education Birds** were a big hit. It was rare to see one without a crowd of 10 or 20 admirers brandishing cameras, soaking up the wisdom from our wonderful volunteer handlers, and marveling at the opportunity to see one of these magnificent creatures up close.

The **Audubon Nature Store** sold nesting boxes, bird houses, and more. This also was our second year partnering with the **Oregon School of Arts and Crafts**, whose talented students created beautiful fiber works of art onsite.

Marketing was bigger and more widespread than ever. You could hardly open a newspaper without seeing an advertisement or articles about our artists and authors. We were on KGW with Drew Carney and Fox "Good Day Oregon, On The Go With Joe." Six local papers highlighted regional artists and authors. The Festival was featured in articles in the *Portland Tribune* and *The Oregonian* "Books," "Homes and Gardens," and "Arts & Entertainment" sections. We ran 4 ads in *The Oregonian* and had 200 posters around town along with 14,000 postcards distributed by mail or at local businesses and community places. We now have 1,400 Friends on Facebook along with postings on Twitter and Oregon Live.

Many people and organizations come together to make the Wild Arts Festival possible but we could not pull off this event without our fabulous volunteers. This year there were more of them than ever before. Indicative of what a popular event this is, **250 work shifts** were already full by mid-October. Volunteers ranged in age from **5 to 85 years**. Evaluations from artists consistently sing the praises of our volunteers and their assistance helping artists to load and unload their equipment and artwork, as well as 'booth sitting' and providing a break room with food and coffee.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Planning for Wild Arts begins in January, with a group of talented volunteers chairing major committees: Martha

Gannett, Wink Gross, Roberta Lampert, Molly Marks, Candy Plant, Carol Enyart, and Maureen McCormick. A big thanks to **Bob Gandolfi**, a talented event producer contracted by Portland Audubon, whose insight and expertise has guided the Festival for the past nine years.

Additional thanks go to Darlene Carlson, Linda Craig, Anne Eakin, Laurie Garretson, Gay Gregor, Susan Hartner, Ann Littlewood, Beth Parmenter, Steve Pearson, John Plant, Mary Ratcliff, Toni Rubin, Bruce Schneider, Marilyn Scott, Allan Solares, Jill Turner, Rusty Whitney, Bob Wilson, and Claire Wilson. Many of these dedicated volunteers start working on Friday for set up and continue until Sunday for take down. And a huge thank you to the other 220 volunteers whose dedication, hard work, and smiling faces made the Festival such a success.

Next year's Wild Arts Festival will be held, as always, *the weekend before Thanksgiving*. So be sure to mark your calendars for the **2015 Wild Arts Festival on November 21–22, 2015**.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

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Join us at “Brink,” the 3rd annual Audubon Society of Portland benefit show at antler gallery and store!

We are so pleased to announce that on **Thursday, January 29**, antler gallery will open their 3rd annual Audubon Society of Portland benefit show titled “Brink.” 17 artists have been asked to create works that focus on either an extinct or an endangered species.

These new, original pieces will be on display for one month, January 29 – February 25, 2015, and 20% of all sales will be donated to the Audubon Society of Portland.

Participating artists include Lindsey Carr, Chie Yoshii, Kevin Earl Taylor, Brin Levinson, Jennifer Parks, Keith Carter, Jillian Dickson, Vanessa Foley, Susannah Kelly, Jon MacNair, Erich J. Moffitt, Caitlin McCormack, Jen Lobo, Neil M. Perry, Heidi Elise Wirz, Rachel Sabin, and Morgaine Faye.

“Brink” Benefit Show
Opening Night events: *Thur, Jan 29*
Show runs Jan 29 – Feb 25
antler gallery and store
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antler gallery, located in the Alberta Arts District, showcases many artists who use wildlife and the natural world as inspiration in their work. Audubon Society of Portland’s mission to protect birds, wildlife, and habitat resonates with gallery founders and curators Susannah Kelly and Neil Perry, who feel it is important to support wildlife conservation across Oregon.

In addition to the donation from sales, there will be other fundraising events at the gallery during opening night.

Please join us on January 29 for a fun evening of art and libations! Dogwood Distilling of Forest Grove will be serving cocktails crafted to suit the theme of the show.

You Make It All Happen! THANK YOU!

The Audubon Society of Portland maintains its excellence in conservation and education because of you! We want you, our members, to know how much your support means to us — we are community leaders because you stand with us. And because you stand with us, we continue to advocate for birds, nurture our future conservationists, protect our region’s natural resources, and care for thousands of injured and orphaned native birds and other native wildlife.

Every time you shop in our Nature Store, you help protect local and regional wild places. With each new membership and membership renewal, you provide impactful learning experiences for kids and adults alike. Your gift of a Wild Thing Sponsorship helps assure that we have the highest quality care for the distraught animals brought into our Wildlife Care Center. Each generous donation helps protect endangered and threatened species near and afar. When you give a Legacy gift to the Audubon Society of Portland, you help assure that our work will continue for generations to come.

We realize that you consider carefully when making your philanthropic choices each year. We truly appreciate your support and want you to know that every gift does great things right here where we live.

If Portland Audubon is in your will...

...we would like to know! Every year the Audubon Society of Portland receives bequests, and often they are a complete surprise to us. We appreciate these surprises, but they make us a bit sad too, because we never knew how much these friends cared about wildlife, and we had no opportunity to thank them.

Advance notice of bequests is also helpful to ensure that we understand and can fulfill a donor’s intentions. We are delighted to talk with donors in advance to plan the use of their bequests. Typical uses are capital projects or Portland Audubon’s endowment. With planning, bequests can be directed to specific projects that support our conservation mission and leave a lasting memorial. Unless specified otherwise by the donor, bequests to the Audubon Society of Portland are used in accordance with Board of Directors’ policy to fund general endowment, facilities debt retirement, or critical program needs.

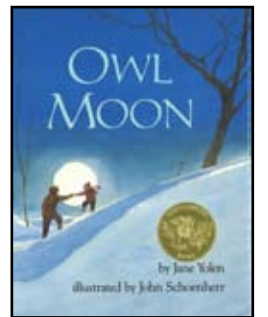
Through our Legacy Circle we honor and acknowledge donors who have included the Audubon Society of Portland in their estate plans. If you are among these generous friends, please contact Ann Takamoto at 971-222-6117 or atakamoto@audubonportland.org so we may include you in Legacy Circle activities and record your intentions for your bequest.

Winter Storytime Events

3rd Saturday of the month at 12:30pm (repeats at 1:30pm) January 17 & February 21

The Nature Store presents a **free** family event on the 3rd Saturday of every month, featuring fun nature-based children’s stories plus activities for children ages 3–8. Start our 2015 calendar on January 17 with *Owl Moon*. We’ll feature Jane Yolen’s prize-winning story of a beautiful winter night. Our resident education owls, Julio the Great Horned Owl and Hazel the Northern Spotted Owl, will be on hand.

For the following month, February 21st, we haven’t selected a featured book yet — but please check back with us later for more information.



Please join us for these programs in our interpretive center, **starting at 12:30pm, with a repeat performance at 1:30pm.**

Find us at 5151 NW Cornell Rd in Portland. Our phone number is 503-292-9453.

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Audubon Society of Portland’s Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. We feature nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. **Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

Welcome, New Members!

Portland Audubon is a force in conservation thanks to its strength in membership, standing together since 1902. We appreciate each and every one of our members and celebrate our membership by welcoming our new members in each *Warbler*. Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

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Birdathon 2015

by Mark Fitzsimons,
Birdathon Coordinator

What, Birdathon already? Yes! We are deep in planning to make **Birdathon 2015** again the biggest, baddest Birdathon of this side of the Mississippi! We broke records again in 2014 — 31 teams, including 4 new teams, came to a total of 286 participants. There were over 2,000 donations, which came to an amazing \$169,000 raised to protect birds across Oregon!



Can we top this? Of course we can! Mark your calendars for **Birdathon registration** on **March 15**. We'll be giving updates in the March/April *Warbler* and at our website. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest information.

Want to take it to the next level? How about creating your own Birdathon team?

- Your Birdathon team can be you and a group of **friends** getting together for a morning of bird watching.
- Your Birdathon team can be you and your **family** enjoying a special day of birding at your backyard feeders.
- Your Birdathon team can be you introducing a group of **co-workers** to your favorite birding spot.
- If you're an experienced field trip leader, why not **lead your own** team to your favorite birding locations?

The success of our Birdathon lies in the depth and growing diversity of our Birdathoners — all of you! So join the fun! For information about creating a Birdathon team, contact me at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.

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Each year the AAZK, a volunteer organization made up of professional zookeepers dedicated to professional animal care and conservation, puts on the annual fundraiser and splits the proceeds between a local and an international conservation organization. In addition to the Wildlife Care Center, proceeds from the fall fundraiser were given to the Tanzania-based Ruaha Carnivore Project.



Oregon Zoo keepers Philip Fensterer and Beth Foster present a check to Wildlife Care Center staff © Tinsley Hunsdorfer



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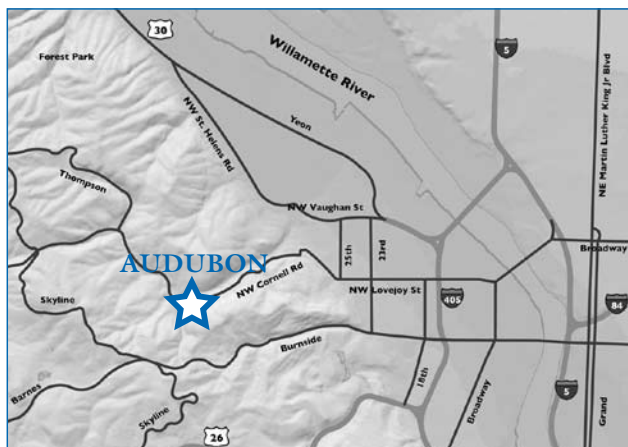
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